

a decade and a half. In doing so, Sam has become an exemplar of civic engagement throughout the Central Coast and in Washington, DC.

Sam's path to becoming a leader in our community and throughout Indian country is as unique as they come.

After graduating from the University of Arizona and University of Minnesota Law School, Sam began his career in the world of international corporate and finance law. This work took him around the world, including a two-year stint in Tokyo, Japan. Sam briefly returned to the states to pursue his LLM degree in tax at NYU before once again venturing off the beaten path, this time to the U.S. Territory of Guam. While in Guam, Sam found his calling in more ways than one. First, he came to understand and appreciate the vital role that economic development plays in providing opportunity and equity to marginalized communities. His four years working to support companies investing in Guam struck a chord, as such Sam has gone on to spend the next 25 years working on behalf of many communities that have historically been passed over and overlooked in the economic opportunities afforded to many other Americans over the generations.

Sam also met his late wife, Trina, while in Guam. They were soon married, and together raised three children, Abraham, Keanu, and Rebekah, who are all now making their own way in the world.

Shortly after leaving Guam, Sam transitioned to serving as counsel to Tribal governments, working in the states of Washington and Louisiana before moving to the Golden State.

Sam's first role in California was to serve as General Counsel to the Tule River Tribe in Porterville. His efforts there, shortly after California voters authorized gaming for Native American tribes, were critical in setting the Tule River Tribe on a path to economic success.

In 2006 Sam moved to Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County, to take a position as Legal Officer for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. His impact was felt immediately, and he has been a trusted advisor for tribal leaders and members ever since.

I first got to know Sam during my time serving as a Supervisor in Santa Barbara County. Like many Tribal nations in California, the Chumash tribe had very little land over which to assert its sovereignty, provide a sense of community for its members, and grow as a nation. Sam's personal interactions with Supervisors, staff and other stakeholders on fee to trust issues earned him a reputation as an honest broker which led to a number of successful and important Tribal initiatives.

My relationship with Sam and the Chumash Tribe deepened after I made the transition to Congress. Sam took time to educate my staff and I on the significance of the federal government's trust responsibilities to Tribes and imprinted on me the importance of Congress fulfilling its constitutional obligation to engage with Tribes on a government to government basis. Due in part to this education, I now am a proud member of the Native American Caucus.

Sam's prolific efforts on behalf of the Chumash Tribe have not only been an asset to me as a Representative, but also to the entire Central Coast region. Sam is tireless, and

his expertise seems to touch upon virtually every topic. He serves as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Committee and on a subcommittee of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, providing recommendations to the IRS on ways that it can better implement its laws and regulations to support Tribes, nonprofits, and all Americans. He is the President of the Santa Ynez Chamber of Commerce, President of the Econ Alliance for Northern Santa Barbara County, and serves on boards of the local community services district for wastewater and the regional transportation agency. He is currently guiding the Tribe's engagement with NOAA's consideration of a new Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, and just this month Sam was named to an advisory committee of the Federal Communication Commission.

Most importantly, Sam is an absolute joy to be around. It is always a pleasure to run in to Sam and his partner, Trea, at community events throughout the district, and when they visit Trea's daughter, Bria, here in Washington, DC. On this momentous occasion, I want to wish Sam a happy birthday and recognize his exceptional work over the years and his many efforts to support the Santa Ynez Chumash Tribe and the citizens of California's 24th Congressional District.

HONORING GEOCONDA ARGÜELLO-KLINE AS SHE RETIRES

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Geoconda Argüello-Kline, as she retires from the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline leaves a positive impact on the lives of thousands of workers in Nevada.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline's story begins in Managua, Nicaragua, where she was born and raised. In 1979, Mrs. Argüello-Kline was admitted to the United States as a political refugee. Since 1983, she calls Nevada her home. Picketing, negotiating, and asking for safe working conditions were some of the reasons Mrs. Argüello-Kline was relentless to give up the battle against the big corporations. As a guestroom attendant in 1989, Mrs. Argüello-Kline stood outside of the Fitzgerald's Hotel (now The D Hotel & Casino) picketing daily for 6 months. That was only the beginning of many more similar scenarios to help workers stand up for their rights and benefits.

In 1990, Mrs. Argüello-Kline joined the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline went from being an organizer in the 1990s, then director of campaigns, trainer, and many other responsibilities, until becoming the union's Secretary-Treasurer. Over the years, Mrs. Argüello-Kline's call to action remained the same and the voices only grew. An 18,000-membership expanded to 60,000 members under her leadership. The casino industry, at that point, had to hear them out. The culinary workers were not alone. Bartenders and housekeepers also demanded dignity in the workplace, medical benefits, retirement security and more.

One of the many successes Mrs. Argüello-Kline led early on was the longest walkout in

the history of the U.S. labor movement: the Frontier strike in 1991, where the Culinary Workers' pension fund was in jeopardy. After more than six years of picketing, their pension fund was restored.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline has been a tremendous leader and a champion for workers in Nevada. We often saw her in the red t-shirt reminding folks of the power of each worker and the right to stand up for better working conditions. She retires after 32 years devoted to the Culinary Union and close to 40 years as a member. She is a hero in the labor community. I wish Geoconda Argüello-Kline a great retirement. We honor her arduous work and contributions to the Silver State.

RECOGNIZING THE VARINA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Varina Blue Devils football team for winning the Class 4 state championship title.

This title run was particularly exciting, as it resulted in Varina High School's first ever football state championship. Their victory was made even more special by the fact that the last time the Blue Devils made the championship finals in 1999, their Head Coach Marcus Lewis was on the team.

The Blue Devils' win was not earned just on the day of the game but was built on months of hard work. After a season of close victories that toughened their resolve and showed their fighting spirit, these young men closed out the championship game in style. When a last-minute interception sealed the win for Varina, the Blue Devils earned their place in our Commonwealth's history. I am certain that these young men and their championship achievement will be remembered in the Henrico community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Darin Thompson, Coach Marcus Lewis, and the Varina High School Blue Devils football team for their inspiring championship season.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF POINT OF VIEW

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize national talk radio program, Point of View, as they celebrate 50 years of media ministry committed to providing listeners with biblical clarity and truth.

Since launching in 1972, under talk radio pioneer, Marlin Maddoux, Point of View has offered listeners authentic insight on a full spectrum of subject matter and current events affecting our nation's families, constitutional freedoms, and faith. In recognition of his efforts, Maddoux received the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Award of Merit and was